

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

In a socket for an electric part, two slide plates 15 and 16 slidably mounted are slid in different directions by applying an urging force for urging an upper operating member 18 downwards, thereby resiliently resilient pieces 5a and 5b of a contact pin 4 in spacing directions to open out contact portions 7. The slide plates 15 and 16 are slid back to their original positions by releasing the urging force to the upper operating member 18, thereby decreasing the resilient deformation of the resilient pieces 5a and 5b in approaching directions to close the contact portions 7 of the contact pin 4. In this manner, the electric part is clamped. Thus, the contact portions can be opened out in equal resiliently deformed amounts by equally pressing the resilient pieces constituting the contact pin.